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More Old-Fashioned Fun for the Family

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Open daily from April through October, Old Cowtown Museum provides engaging activities to learn about our rich heritage. Visitors can help feed the animals, learn how to rope, discover games at the Victorian homes, work the job press at the print shop and much more. As the costumed history interpreters carry out daily life, visitors have the opportunity to interact with a unique slice of history - the cattletown era of the frontier. During the 2002 season, the Museum is offering more than more than 20 special events that are designed for special time with family and friends.

Family Days, August 3 & 4, is a time when specially-planned activities on the 17-acre site provide an extraordinary experience for old-fashioned fun. At this new event, with funding from the Wichita Community Foundation and sponsored by Light 99 FM, families can relax and enjoy and the Old Cowtown Museum experience or catch the excitement an 1870s outing.

“Old Cowtown Museum is a family tradition and this event is sure to please,” said Jan McKay, Executive Director.

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The following is a list of special activities for the weekend:

Ongoing activities both days include:

- Pony rides, wagon rides, roping & branding, corn grinding (kid-powered), washboard laundry, schoolyard games, bubble blowing, spelling bee; tug-of-war, telegraphing, and races such as bucket brigade and stick horse races.
- Little ones will love the make-and-take crafts including wheat weaving, handkerchief dolls, paper hats/boats and button whizzers.
- Old-time photos - get dressed up and pose with your family!

Performances

- Robert the Magnificent, an 1870s-style magician on both days. (A real family favorite)
- Entre Nous 1870s Social Dancers on Saturday & Sunday afternoons.
- Dixie Lee Dance Troupe & Varieties on Saturday & Sunday afternoons.
- Gunfights by the Old Cowtown Museum Gunfighters on Saturday afternoon.

Food - Grab a bite to eat in the Chuckwagon Café or indulge with an Earp Slurp in the Saloon!

Shopping - The Museum Store has stocked old-fashioned toys for the kids and new beautiful cowboy sculptures.

Dates & Times: August 3, Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

August 4, Sunday, Noon to 5 p.m.

Location: Old Cowtown Museum, 1871 Sim Park Drive, Wichita, Kansas

Admission: \$7 for adults; \$6.50 for seniors over 62; \$5 for youth 12-17; \$4 for children 4-11; ages 3 and under are free. Members get in free.

For more information: (316) 264-6398 or visit www.old-cowtown.org <<http://www.old-cowtown.org>>

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Old Cowntown Museum is the only nationally accredited living-history site depicting life in a Kansas cattletown from 1865 to 1880. Nestled on 17 acres located at 1871 Sim Park Drive, the Museum provides a hands-on, interactive experience with local history. Attractions include the five-acre 1880s DeVore Farm, city marshal's office, working carpentry, blacksmith and newspaper shops and historic home tours.

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